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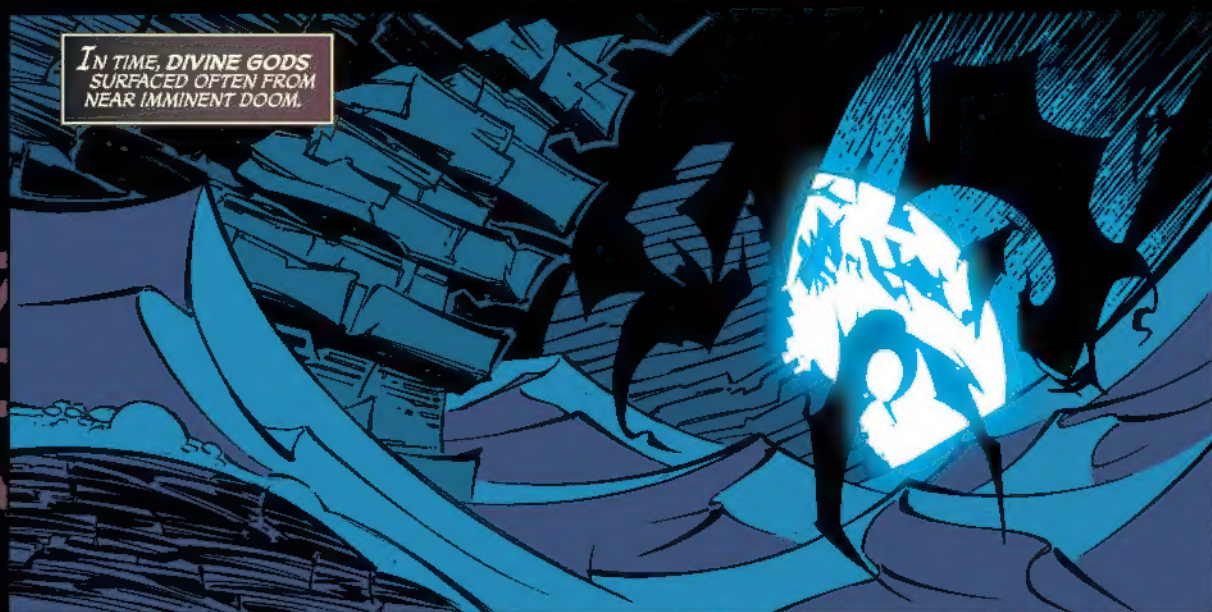
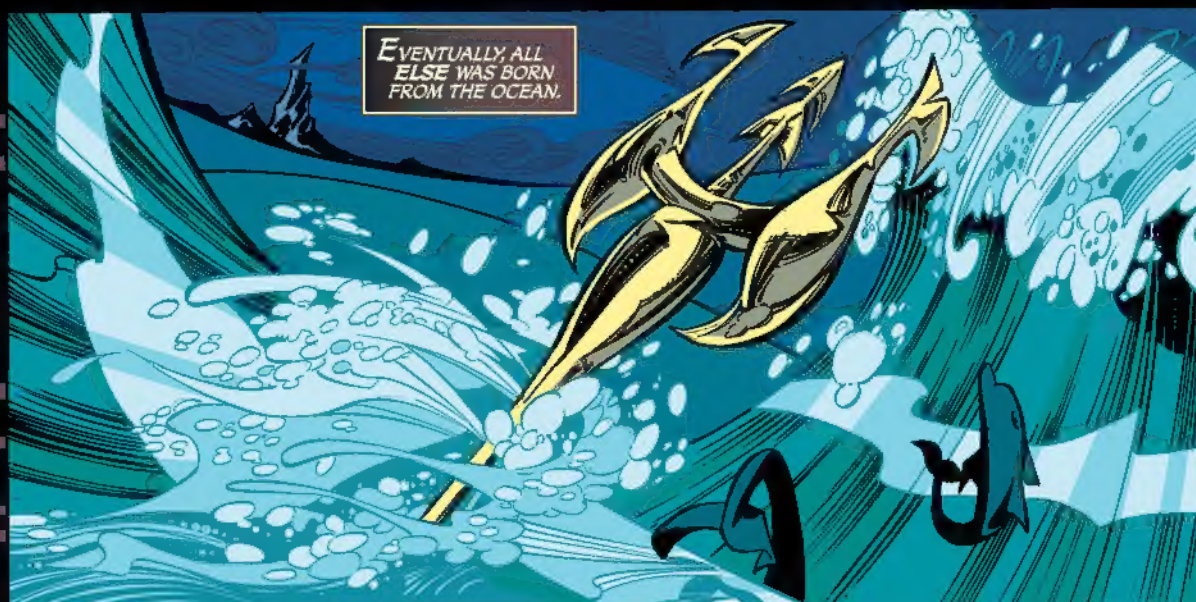
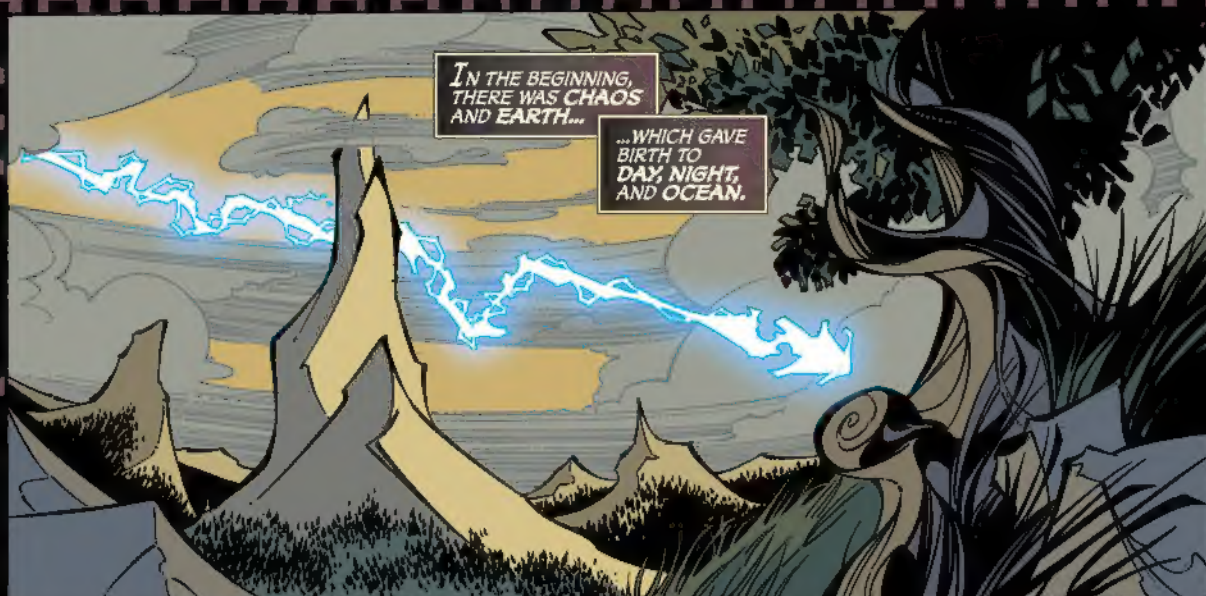
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THE MOST POWERFUL
OF THESE GODS WERE
NO DIFFERENT.

HE SAVED HIS DIVINE
SIBLINGS BY PURGING
THEM FROM THE GULLET
OF THEIR FATHER,
CRONOS.

SHORTLY THEREAFTER,
THWARTING THEIR
FATHER SO THAT THEY
MAY DIVIDE THE EARTH
EQUALLY AMONGST
THEMSELVES.



ALL THAT WAS,
KNEW THEM
AS...

ZEUS...
LORD OF
THE SKY.

POSEIDON...
RULER OF THE SEA.
ALL THAT CHALLENGE
HIM MEET WITH
VIOLENT ENDINGS.

HADES...
DEITY OF THE
UNDERWORLD,
A HELLISH ABODE.



LITERATURE SPEAKS OF THEM
AS MYTHOLOGICAL BROTHERS.

BONDED BY
QUARRELS...

EXILES...

SEDUCTIONS...

ILLEGITIMATE
BIRTHS...

...AND
HOMICIDES.

AHHHHH!!

SCRIP!!!

AS THE GODS, HISTORY
WILL WRITE THEM AS
ALETHEIA*!

* Greek for "the truth."

Olympia, Washington

LEFTY
LOOSEY,
RIGHTY
TIGHTY.

HMMM.
I WONDER IF
THE SAME RULES
APPLY WHEN YOU'RE
LOOKING AT IT
UPSIDE DOWN.

BUZZZ

HEY BUD!
HOW'S THE
BIGGEST FAN OF
MY DRY HUMOR
DOING?

HONESTLY, I'M
FEELING SADLY
MUNDANE.

AWWWW,
I FEEL A TEAR
BEING BORN.



YEAH, WELL YOUR ONLY FAN IS GOING TO BE THE ONE THAT KEEPS YOUR CAR IF I GET STOOD UP AGAIN.

LAST TIME WASN'T MY FAULT, NOBODY TOLD ME THERE WERE DOLPHINS IN THERE.



BESIDES, YOU'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW MY LOOSE SCREWS ARE TIGHT AND MY ALIGNMENT HAS BEEN ALIGNED.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?



I HOPE YOU'RE REFERRING TO YOUR BIKE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WORSE, YOUR HUMOR OR YOUR MECHANICAL SKILLS.

SO IS IT STRAIGHT NOW?

DEPENDS ON YOUR DEFINITION OF STRAIGHT! I'LL BE THERE IN A FLASH!

Kevin Connolly
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A FEW GALLONS
OF GAS LATER...

HONK
TOOT
TOOT


BEEP
HONK
HONK

DAYS LIKE
THIS I'M GLAD I
DON'T HAVE TO DEAL
WITH RUSH HOUR
TRAFFIC HEADING
OUT OF TOWN.

...IT STARTS.

THE SKY BURSTS
INTO FLAMES, AS IF
MOTHER EARTH
DROGGED HER LONG,
FLINT-LIKE NAILS
ACROSS THE HEAVENS
IN TERROR.





IN ONE MOMENT, EVIL
ITSELF HAS MANIFESTED,
SINKING ITS TEETH INTO
A THOUSAND CRIES...


...AND THEY SNAKE
AND CURL THROUGH
THE BOWELS OF
UNTHINKABLE HORROR...

...ONLY TO BE DISCARDED
AND SHAT ONTO THE
EARTH.

THE EXCREMENT
BURNS ACROSS THE
GROUND LIKE A
CHILD RUNNING TO
ITS FATHER.

IT TANTALIZINGLY
DANCES AROUND HIS
NOSTRILS AND RAISES
JUST ONE THOUGHT...

DEATH
AND PROPHECY
SMELL SWEET.



THE HUMANS
HAVE DILIGENTLY
ENDEAVORED TO
REACH THE SKY IN
OUR ABSENCE.

ONLY TO RUN
IN *COWARDICE* AT
THE FIRST SIGN
OF DANGER!




AH,
LOOK AT
THIS.

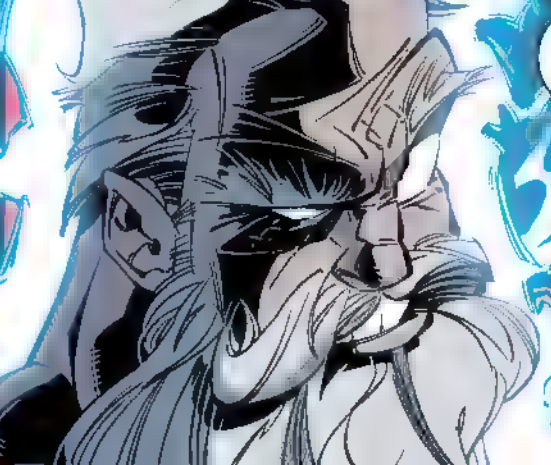


STOMP ON
HER
DUNATOS!


SQUASH
HER!



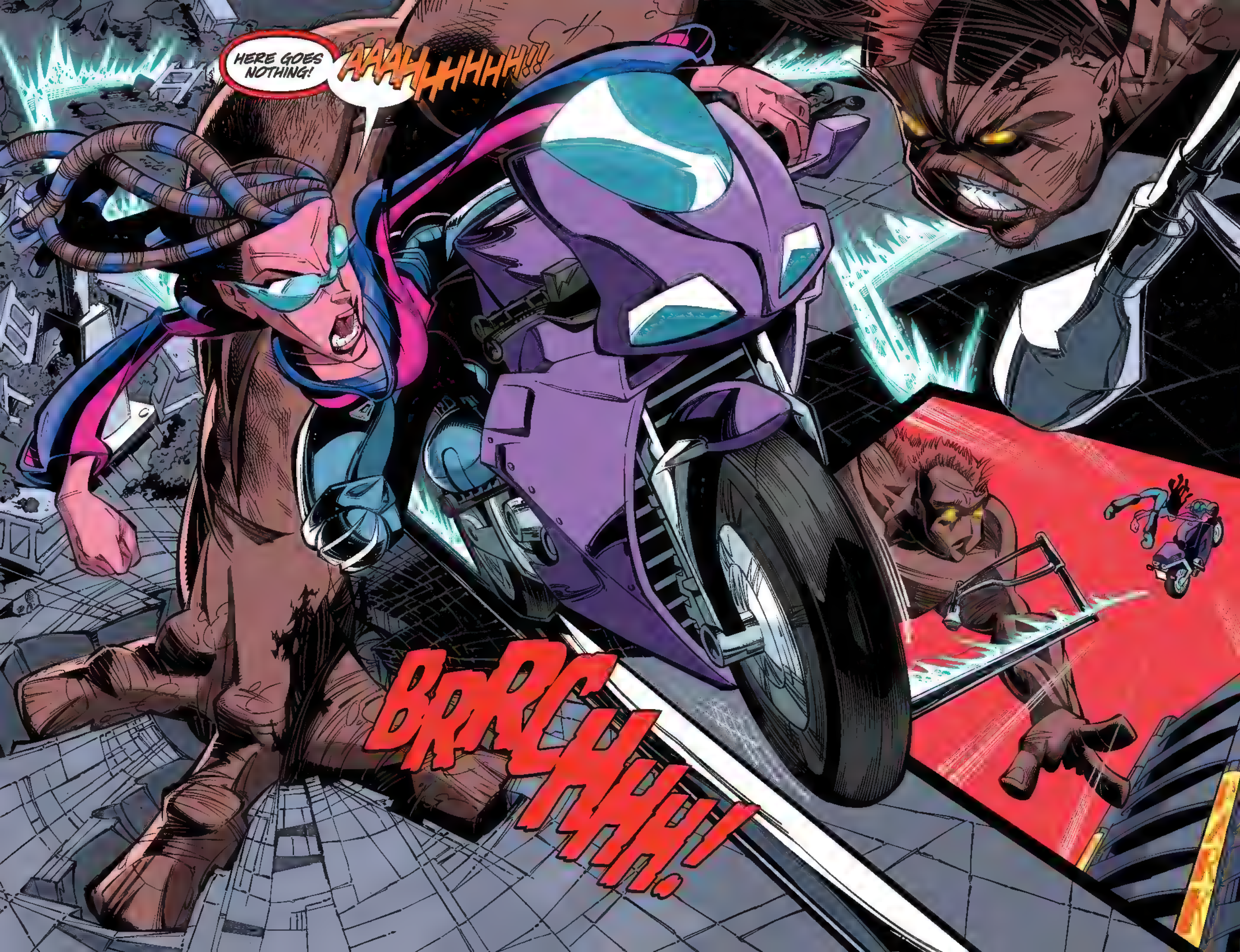
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS
THING? I'VE GOT TO MAKE
IT TO JER'S APARTMENT TO
SEE IF HE'S ALL RIGHT! HIS
PARKING GARAGE AND
APARTMENT ARE
JUST AHEAD.



THE FATES SAID
WE WOULD NOT
HAVE TO WAIT LONG
FOR THE FORMERLY
DEPARTED.



INDEED...
THIS WARRANT'S
MY FURTHER
INSPECTION.



HERE GOES
NOTHING!

AAAAHHHHHHH!!!

BRRC
HHH!!!



THE WALLS TIGHTEN
AND EXPAND WITH
HER LUNGS.

THE VERY FABRIC
OF EXISTENCE
SEEMS TO SHARE
AND EXPRESS HER
WORRIES AT ONCE.

AND
THEN
THIS

DING

UNIMAGINABLE

NOOO!

WROOOO

UNQUENCHABLE...

UNBELIEVABLE
HORROR...

BOOOOMMB

THAT POLLINATES...

I'M HERE
BABY. I'M
HERE.

MATURES...

THEAP?

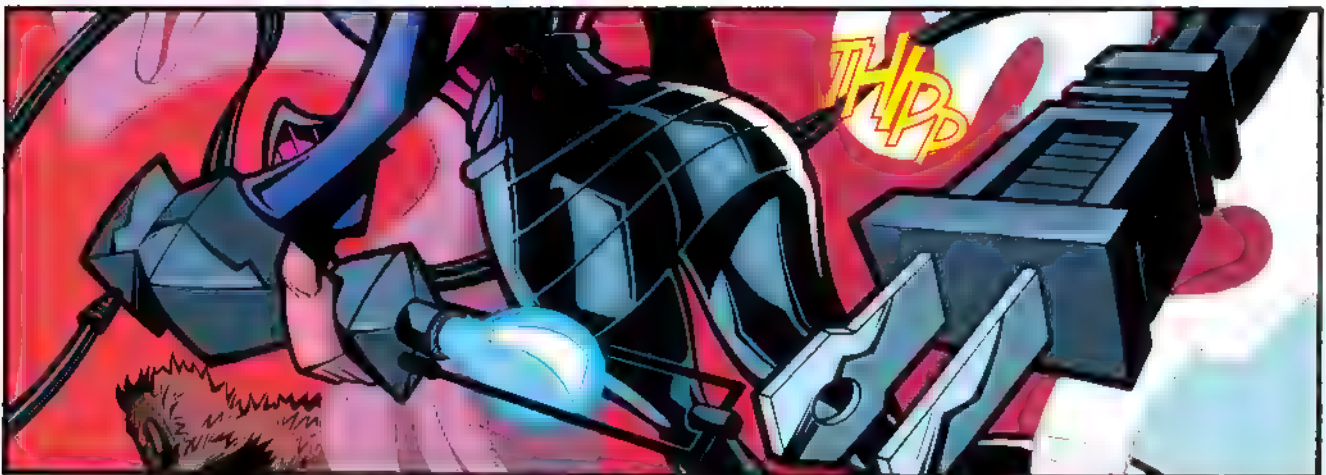
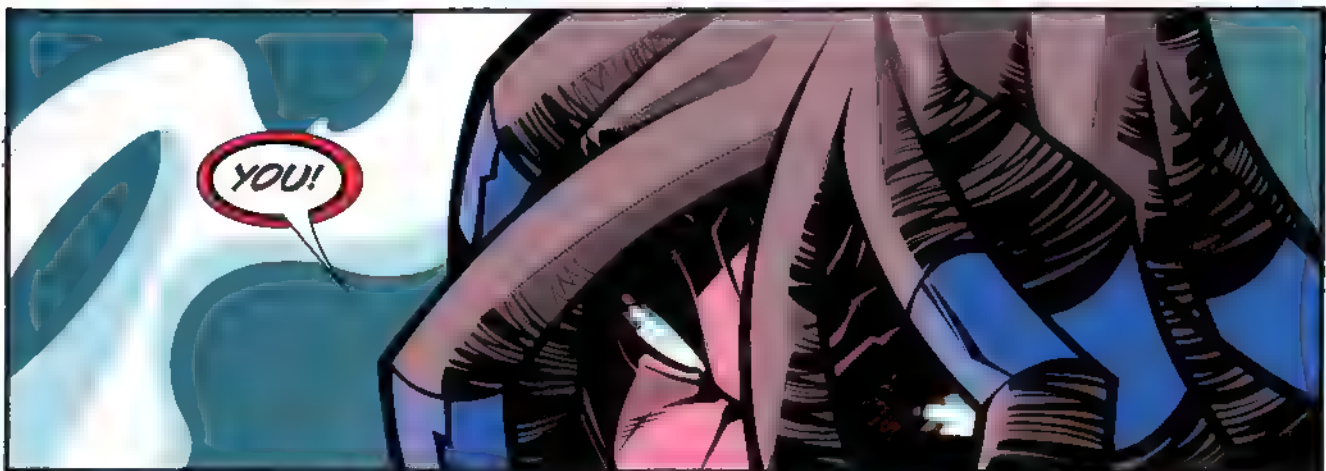
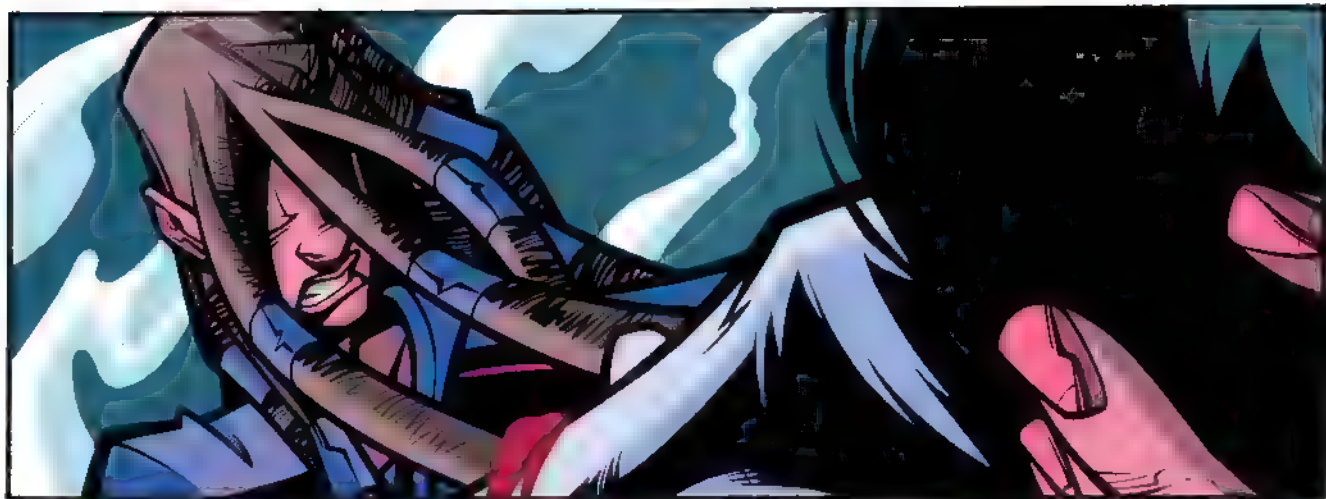
IT'S ME,
BABY.

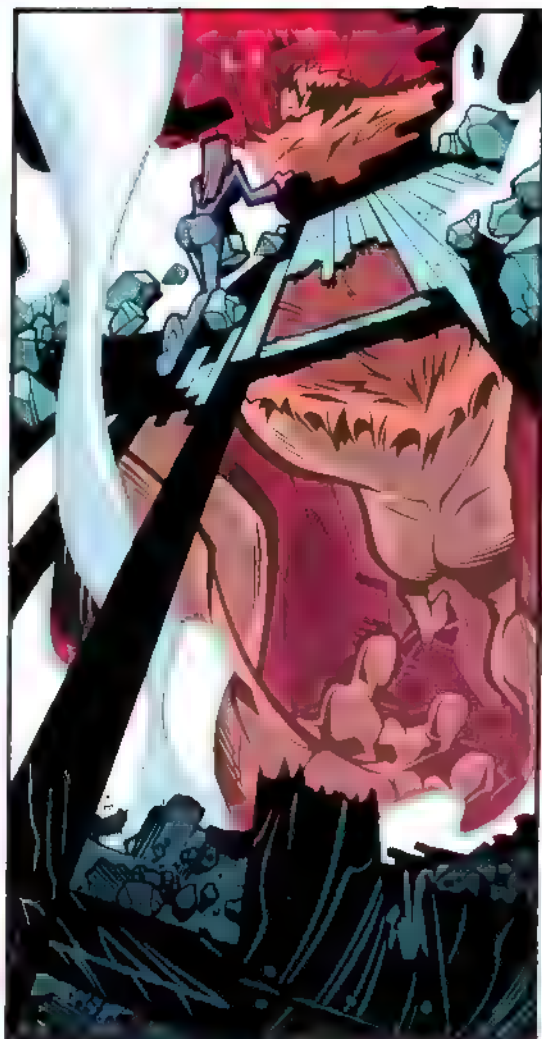
THIS DOESN'T
LOOK
GOOD.

SHHHH,
YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
JUST FINE.

AND BLOSSOMS
INTO REALITY.









WELL, I'M
ONE OF THEM
ANYWAY.

HERE
YOU GO.

YOU
DROPPED
THIS.

WITH DEATH
AND DESTRUCTION
PLANTING ITSELF WITH
EVERY TURN YOU TAKE,
YOU FEARLESSLY AND
SEEMINGLY EFFORTLESSLY
DIVE HEAD FIRST INTO
THIS DREAFFUL
SITUATION.

IF IT WASN'T
FOR THE SWEAT BURNING
YOUR EYES, OR THE PAIN IN
YOUR BACK, YOU'D BE SURE
THAT YOU WERE DREAMING
ALL THIS. THE THING THAT
ASTONISHES ME THE MOST
OUT OF ALL THIS IS THAT
YOU DO IT FOR ONE
MEANINGLESS LIFE.

YOU'LL BE
NEEDING THESE.
EVEN IN DEATH
NOTHING IS
FREE.



FWOOSH!!

"FAN"?

SUICIDE
WAS RATHER
UNPREDICTABLE.

I THINK
THERE ARE SOME
QUARTERS LEFT
OVER FOR HER,
TOO.

WUFF

WHERE'S
THE THROTTLE
ON THIS
THING?!

YAH,
YAH!!

SKRIZZT

AWWRRGH!!!



AND SO IT WILL BE ECHOED
THROUGH NEVER-ENDING
EXISTENCE, OF HOW IT CAME
TO BE.

NOT TIME, SPACE, NOR
UNRELENTING
RESISTANCE OF THE
GODS THEMSELVES
CAN STOP INEVITABILITY.

ZZXT

BZZZT

THE PROPHECY
THROUGH THE ACT OF
ONE, AND OF MANY...

...STARTED THE
UNSTOPPABLE
AVALANCHE OF
REVELATION TO
BRING FORTH...

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